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REQUEST FOR INITIALED COPY OF PTO-1449

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 1, 2004

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 27, 2001. A Notice of Allowance was issued on January 23, 2004. Applicants, however, have not received an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 that was filed with the Statement on September 27, 2001, to show that documents cited in the Statement have been considered by the Examiner.

The undersigned respectfully requests a copy of PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on September 27, 2001, initialed by the Examiner. The undersigned also requests that the documents cited in the Statement be made of record in the application.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 27, 2001, and a copy of form PTO-1449 form are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a "Receipt of Filing of Papers" showing the United States Patent and Trademark Office receipt stamp dated September 27, 2001, and identifying the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is not believed that any fee is required in connection with this Request. However, in the event that the PTO determines that a fee is required for entry and consideration of this Request, please charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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For: FUEL CELL SEPARATOR

<u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 27, 2001

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits and (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

These documents are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/323,960, filed June 2, 1999.

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Document UA was cited in the Office Action dated October 18, 1999. A copy of Notice of References Cited (PTO-892 attached to Paper No. 4) is enclosed.

Document UB was cited in the Office Action dated June 9, 2000.

A copy of Notice of References Cited (PTO-892 attached to Paper No.

7) is enclosed.

No concise explanation of the relevance of documents UA and UB is believed to be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 because the documents are in English.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 111833 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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Copy of PTO-892 attached to Paper No. 4 Copy of PTO-892 attached to Paper No. 7

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